GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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SHIFTING OF PETROLEUM DEPOTS
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of petroleum depots are located in the thickly populated areas in various parts of the country, particularly in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether the Government has taken any steps to shift these depots to safe places; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) to (c): Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) generally select sites for Petroleum Depots away from populated areas. However, because of the growth and expansion of cities/towns, a few of these depots are now located in populated areas in various parts of the country. The position is being constantly reviewed by the OMCs and action is taken either to resite or to close down such Depots. The list of depots that have been closed/resited/supplies shifted in the recent past in the State of Andhra Pradesh by IOC, BPCL and HPCL is at Annex.